NHs

3403. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise position of National Highways and the percentage thereof with reference to the other roads in each State;

(b) the State-wise expenditure being incurred on the national highways both on construction and maintenance for the period of 7th and 8th Five Year Plans;

(c) the Government's guidelines regarding allocation of funds and taking up of new national highways;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the NH-4 has got two other Highways merging with it for a distance of 30 Km and 200 Km requiring the 200 Km stretch to be made into Express way; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected.

Medical Facilities to Retired Defence Personnels

3404. COL. RAO RAM SINGH :
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Defence personnel after retirement do not get proper medical facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open hospitals exclusively for serving/retired Defence personnel at such places where their numbers are adequate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Defence personnel after retirement are provided adequate medical cover under a comprehensive package. The package consists of the following medical facilities/concessions :

(i) Ex-Servicemen are provided free outpatient treatment in Military Hospitals. They are also provided In-patient in Military Hospitals, except for psychiatric treatment, cancer treatment, kidney transplantation and coronary bypass surgery.

(ii) For ailments in respect of which treatment is not available in Military Hospitals, medical cover is provided under the Group Insurance schemes of the Armed Forces. Under the Group Insurance scheme, an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh is paid for heart treatment, Rs. 75,000/- for Cancer treatment, Rs. 1.00 lakh for Renal transplant and Rs. 75,000/- for hip and knee joint replacement.

(iii) Those ex-Servicemen who are not covered under the medical insurance schemes, are provided financial assistance upto 60% of total expenditure on treatment of serious diseases, e.g., by-pass surgery, angiography, kidney renal transplant, cancer, coronary artery surgery, etc., by the Kendriya Sainik Board.

(iv) Ex-Servicemen can also take treatment in state Government civil hospitals.

(v) 24 MI Rooms and 12 Dental Centres have been set up for providing medical facilities exclusively to ex-Servicemen and their dependents.

(vi) Needy ex-Servicemen are also provided financial assistance for medical treatment from Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund upto a maximum of Rs. 15,000/-.

(b) and (c). Government have set up 127 Military Hospitals exclusively for Armed Forces serving personnel, ex-Servicemen and their families. These hospitals are based on regionalised patterns of health care delivery system and grouped into large Command Hospitals, Zonal hospitals, Medium hospitals and small hospitals. The Armed Forces Medical Services have one Army Hospital at Delhi, 7 Command Hospitals at Pune, Bombay, Bangalore, Lucknow, Calcutta, Udhampur and Chandimandir. There are 20 zonal hospitals, 18 medium hospitals (201 to 400 beds), 80 small hospitals (upto to 200 beds) and one specialist Cardiothoracic centre at Pune. Seventeen Civil hospitals both Government and private, spread all over the country have also been empanelled for providing advance Cardio-vascular treatment facilities to Armed Forces personnel pending development of these facilities in the service hospitals. Government have recently approved a scheme for modernisation of 127 Armed Forces hospitals at the cost of Rs. 66.00 crores. The existing Army hospital at Delhi Cantt. is being shifted to new premises at Subroto Park, Delhi Cantt. and is being provided with most modern state-of-the-art specialised medical facilities.

Quota of MBBS Seats

3405. SHRI GOPAL TANDEL : Will the Minister HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to increase the quota of medical seats (MBBS course) for Daman and Diu, Union Territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria laid down for allocation of such seats to different Union Territories;

(d) the number of seats allotted, U.T.-wise; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to enhance the quota of MBBS seats to the Union Territory of Daman and Diu for the academic year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). MBBS seats to Daman and Diu, UT. are released from the Central Pool, constituted by seeking voluntary contribution from states and certain other institutions. Due to limited availability of seats in the central Pool, it has not been possible to increase the allocation of MBBS seats to UT of Daman and Diu.

(c) Allocation of seats of different States/UTs depend upon the overall availability of seats in the Central Pool and factors like its size, population, geography etc. as well as special needs.

(d) Allocation of MBBS and BDS seats allocated to various UTs during 1996-97 is given below :

S. No.	Name of the UT	Seats allocated during 1996-97	
		MBBS	BDS
1.	A an N Islands	16	2
2.	Lakshdweep	10	2
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3	2
4.	Daman and Diu	2	2
5.	Chandigarh	0	1

(e) Any enhancement in quota of MBBS seats to Daman and Diu UT during 1997-98 would depend upon the increase in size of the Central Pool.

Admission in KVS

3406. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though Members of Parliament are being refused admission to the nominees in Kendriya Vidyalayas by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan the same are being ordered as late as November 1996 in favour of instrumentalities of different States; and

(b) if so, the details of such admissions made during the current academic session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). No admissions on special dispensation have been ordered by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in compliance with the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Liposuction Treatment

3407. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to certain advertisements appeared on behalf of 'Vital Weight Clinic' of New Delhi on November 17, 1996 claiming body shaping by Liposuction treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether efficiency of Liposuction treatment has been tried and approved by any Government Laboratory so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof with reasons for not introducing the same in Government Institutions; and

(e) if not, the reasons for allowing publication of such misleading advertisement exploiting the simple people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, Liposuction is a surgical procedure for removal of unwanted fat deposits from specific parts of the body. The procedure has been performed successfully on a few cases in the Plastic Surgery Departments of certain Government Hospitals.

(e) Does not arise.

Upper Wardha Irrigation Project

3408. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated cost and time schedule for Upper Wardha irrigation project at the time of clearance and present cost of the proposal and details of escalation in cost and time and reasons therefor;

(b) the details of stipulated and actual release of funds;

(c) the steps taken on review of this ongoing irrigation project, for release of funds for its expeditious completion; and

(d) details of funds provided during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Project was originally approved by the Planning Commission in May, 1976 for an estimated cost of Rs. 39.88 crores and the project was scheduled for completion by 1984. The latest estimated cost of the Project including Command Area Development works is Rs. 659.51 crores and the Project is now scheduled for completion in June, 2000. The actual time of completion depends upon availability of funds. The main reasons for time overrun and cost escalation are as under :

(1) Shifting of the dam site.